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THE BIOLOGICAL LABORATORY OF THE BUREAU OF FISHERIES AT WOODS HOLE, MASS.

REPORT OF THE PAST YEAR'S WORK, AND ANNOUNCEMENT FOR THE COMING SEASON

IN the spring of 1908 two of the larger rooms of the laboratory were equipped for chemical investigations, and during the succeeding summer these rooms were occupied by five chemists who were engaged upon various problems of organic analysis. The purchase of books for the library has been continued, and five new periodicals have been added to the list of those which will henceforth be received here. These are the *American Journal of Physiology*, *American Journal of Anatomy*, *Journal of Experimental Zoology*, *Anatomischer Anzeiger* and *Centralblatt für Physiologie*. A considerable number of volumes, including the back numbers of several important journals, were loaned for the season by the library of the Bureau at Washington, and it is hoped that this profitable arrangement will be continued in the future. The entire library of the Woods Hole laboratory has been transferred to glass cases, and will henceforth be more effectively protected against the summer fogs.

Thirty-one investigators were occupied with various researches in marine biology or biochemistry during the past season. Of these eighteen received salaries from the bureau, either as investigators or as scientific assistants. In addition nine other assistants were comprised in the laboratory staff. The subjects of research were as diversified as in past seasons, though problems of economic importance perhaps received a rather larger share of attention.